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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated January 2, 2002, from February 2, 2002, to on or before April 2, 2002.

A check for the statutory fee, in the amount of \$400.00 is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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